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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of services proposed to be provided by the BSNL by modernising the services to international level;

(b) whether there is any proposal to incorporate state-of-art digital technology in the BSNL network;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to abolish the rent system of telephone and to calculate all calls for billing

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be finalised; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI TAPAN S

(a) BSNL plans to achieve the quality of services proposed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in a phased manner.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. All the exchanges in BSNL network are already modern electronic exchanges.The state-of-the-art digital technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Cellular Mobile Telecom Services (pilot project only) have already been deployed for providing telephone services. Other services like Internet, I-Net, Integrated Service Digital network (ISDN), Intelligent Network (IN) an Managed Leased Line Network (MLLN) are also being provided to subscribersNew technologies will continue to be inducted in BSNL network in future also.Cellular Mobile Telecom Service with all India Coverage, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), Digita Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) and Broadband access network are also planned to be inducted next year subject to availability of materials.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

(f) The authority for fixation of telecom tariff is Telecom Regulatory authority of India (TRAI).BSNL being a service provider has only to implement the tariff structure as prescribed by TRAI.